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Mr. [REDACTED]  
Real Estate and Construction Division  
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Washington, D. C.

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The purpose of this letter is to forward you a copy of my cost of living report. I understand the Agency has approved certain measures to help us out here, and I believe the attached paper may assist you and the Agency with the final determinations. If you are in position to expedite placing the new regulations into effect, I will be most grateful. The [REDACTED] cost of living is the highest I have ever experienced. I anticipated before I came down that costs would be high, but they have gone far beyond initial planning.

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The job is going very well and enjoys good progress. Excellent relationships have developed with the contractor, and those few problems we have had are readily resolved. I have enclosed a few pictures showing general progress today.

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Evy and I enjoy living in [REDACTED] very much. As I recently expressed myself to [REDACTED], we are roughing it somewhat down here, but roughing it in luxury. Our house is designed for [REDACTED] living, with a lot of outdoor space built in. We have a large open air patio enclosed with walls of iron grill work. This patio is round, and forms the main living space in the house. The house has been dubbed "the bird cage house" by the local continental community, because of its looks. I have also attached a picture of it, in case your curiosity has been aroused. Evy has told many of our friends back home that [REDACTED] is "hot, expensive, buggy and charming". No better words fit the situation here.

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Again, may I ask your assistance in resolving the exceptionally high cost of living in [REDACTED]. Anything you can do to push for a decision will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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